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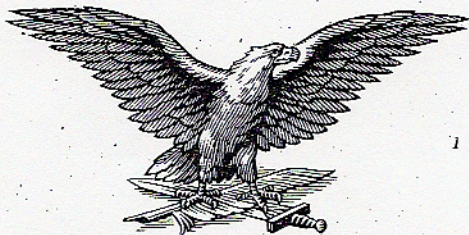
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OPINION

LETTERS

**Please call the California Transportation Commission!
Ask them to reverse staff's decision not to fund the
405 carpool lane and other projects critical to So. Cal.**

**Call:
916-654-4245**

Or E-mail:

California_Transportation_Commission@dot.ca.gov

Los Angeles voted overwhelmingly for a \$20-billion transportation bond with the fair expectation that high-priority local projects would be funded. But if the California Transportation Commission staff has anything to say about it, we'll just have to wait — even as other California communities get relief. That's outrageous. Further, the staff recommendation could jeopardize \$130 million in federal aid for which Rep. Howard Berman (D-Valley Village) fought so hard.

The commission should overrule its staff and fund Los Angeles projects such as the 405 northbound carpool lane. Unbelievably, it decided not to fund this vital improvement because it inferred that construction could not begin until late 2011. Had commission bureaucrats bothered to contact the Metropolitan Transportation Authority or Caltrans, they would have realized that the project would begin construction in 2009 — well within the right time frame.

L.A. voters should not simply be a source of cash for transportation projects elsewhere:

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Feuer, a former L.A. city councilman, chairs the Assembly Budget Committee on Transportation.